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Ray McCarroll Honored



Mr. Raymond McCarroll, a familiar face to thousands of people in Agawam, was feted recently at a retirement party held in his honor. McCarroll, formerly the manager of Food Mart's Agawam store was cited for his numerous contributions to the Agawam community and his many years of service to Food Mart. Shown above is McCarroll, right, and Don Romano of Food Mart with a plaque made with silver dollars in the form of a shopping cart, and presented to him by the employees of the Agawam store. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

Natural Resources Planning Program Initiated

A Natural Resources Planning Program has recently been initiated by the Agawam Conservation Commission with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service and the Hampden Conservation District.

Various Agawam boards, including the Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Town Council, and the Engineering Division, have been invited to participate. Another important aspect of the program is the involvement of private citizens, who will be needed to assist in the updating of the wetlands map.

A Steering Committee has been formed from the above groups and consists of Kenneth Dean, project coordinator; Theodore Kozak, research assistant; and Dorothy Nelsen, chairman of the Wetlands Study Committee.

Volunteers will be trained to go out in the field to help in the updating of the wetlands maps, and the issue of wetlands zoning will be studied. The project will seek to pinpoint problem areas before development occurs so that an understanding of the value of wetlands and how they serve to accommodate surface run-off will be accomplished. The project will also study the suitability of the soils in the community in relationship to the installation of septic systems and the availability of sewers.

According to Ted Kozak, research assistant for the project, in general, the program can help to promote an awareness of the function of wetlands and the value of recommending against development on a portion of the more significant wetland areas. This project does *not* represent a wholesale ban on development. Only a relatively small proportion of the wetlands area in this community would be protected from development. Various measures resulting from the project could result in the savings of much money to the taxpayer.

Citizen participation is needed. All interested persons are encouraged to call the Conservation Commission office at the Agawam Town Hall 786-0400, ext. 213 to sign up or to receive further information.

Volunteers Needed For Wetlands Project

The Agawam Conservation Commission has initiated the formation of a Natural Resources Planning Program in conjunction with other town departments and with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and the Hampden County Conservation District.

A primary goal of the program is to update the wetlands map of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Citizen volunteers are being sought to assist in the field work. Since training sessions will be held, volunteers need not have previous experience in identifying wetlands.

All interested citizens, clubs, or organizations are encouraged to call the Conservation Commission in the Agawam Town Hall at 786-0400 for further information.

Energy, Inflation Concern School Committee

By Joanne Brown

Rising energy costs were the focus of much discussion at last Tuesday's meeting of the Agawam School Committee. Business Director James Coon stated that Agawam is among those towns leading the state in energy conservation, but this winter may still bring problems.

Sub-Committee On Energy Appointed

Pointing out that the conversion to gas heat in town schools probably will not be completed until after January or February, Coon said the town will still have to rely on high-priced oil for most of this winter. He recommended to be appointed a sub-committee to study the existing policy covering use of school buildings in relation to energy demands.

Coon urged that this sub-committee be charged with discussing the use of school buildings with various agencies who plan events in them with the possibility of some changes being made as energy costs continue to rise. He suggested that this committee consist of Lou Miodowski, the schools' maintenance head, a representative from the School Committee and himself.

After the board approved this new committee, Chairman Richard Borgatti appointed Walter Balboni to be the School Committee representative.

"Wear Sweaters To School"

Coon also remarked that federal regulations demand compliance with a maximum temperature of 65 degrees in all public buildings. He noted that failure to follow this directive means Agawam would be fined.

"I recommend that students dress warmly when they go to school," said Coon. "The town finds it necessary to comply with the federal regulations and the schools will definitely be cooler this winter."

Inflation Shows Again

Inflation has also reared its head again as the board voted to raise the fees charged for milk and snacks for kindergarten children from 30¢ to 40¢ per week. This new charge should just cover the cost per child after a period of time when the program ran in deficit.

Bussing has also caused some money problems as some town streets are now split with some walkers and some riders within a few houses of each other as the 1½-mile limit is reached. As the state now reimburses the town between 60% and 70% of bussing costs, Agawam loses funds for each student who lives under the 1½-mile limit who is bussed.

"Last year, Agawam lost \$48,112 in state funds for students within the 1½-mile limit who were bussed," Coon reported. "We consider much of that bussing necessary because of lack of sidewalks or other hazardous walking conditions, but the town cannot afford routinely to bus children within the walking limit."

School Personnel Acknowledged

In other business that night, the School Committee met with the two American Field Service students attending Agawam High School this year. Marcela Arana from Bolivia and Grant Ward from Australia attended the meeting with AFS advisor Bill Quinn and told the members of the committee a little of their homelands. Mr. Quinn also reported that the two Agawam students studying abroad - To's Knight in Germany and Peter Sardella in England - were settled and doing well.

Mrs. Ginia Allison presented a report on the Wide Horizons project currently a part of the Agawam School System in the cultural education area and funded under Title IV. She explained that this 3-year project has two principal goals: 1) To motivate and prepare teachers to use elements of the arts in instruction programs; and 2) To forge a relationship between schools and cultural institutions so students may use resources in academic studies.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Danahy PTO Plans Meeting

The Katherine Danahy School Parent-Teacher Organization will officially begin its new year with a Pot-Luck Supper to be held in the school cafeteria on Thursday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m. The autumn pot-luck supper has become traditional at Danahy School and over the years, has featured such ethnic favorites as lasagna and pierogi.

Special guest for the occasion will be Channel 22 news personality Sy Becker, who will present "A Look at the Movies." The former news director and movie reviewer for Springfield radio station WSPR will give his audience an in-depth evaluation of current films and will also discuss the movie rating system in relation to family viewing.

Mr. Becker has agreed to this return appearance at Danahy School in answer to the many requests made by parents who heard him last year and found him to be both highly entertaining and informative.

Any resident of Agawam wishing to hear his presentation is invited to the school cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. where he will speak immediately following a brief business meeting of the P.T.O.

Phelps PTO Tag & Bake Sale

The Benjamin Phelps School PTO will sponsor a Tag and Bake Sale on October 13, 1979, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn of the school at the corner of Main and School Streets. If there is rain, this event will take place in the school auditorium.

Small World Nursery School To Hold Open House

The Springfield YMCA would like to invite the public to an Open House at its Small World Nursery School to be held on Thursday Oct. 4th, 1979 from 1p.m. to 3p.m. The nursery school is located on Y property at 108 Perry Lane in Agawam.

Visitors will have an opportunity to observe the program, meet the staff and enjoy refreshments. The nursery school is open to boys and girls ages 3-5 and has openings in its afternoon classes. It offers the preschool child a well-rounded program featuring social, physical, emotional and education development.

If you have a pre-schooler stop in and see what you are missing. For more information call the Springfield YMCA at 739-6951, Ext. 253 or 254.

Political Advertisement

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Band And Color Guard Plan Candy Sale

Agawam High Band and Color Guard will open their annual Fall Candy Sale this week with proceeds from the sale to help finance participation at the "Nutmeg Cup Marching Band Contest" at the University of Conn. on Saturday, October 13 and the Mass. State Marching Band Contst to be held in Lowell on Sunday, October 21.

The "Marching Mohawks" took 4th place honors at both of these events last year and are working hard to match or better that achievement.

Another project also going on this week-end is the paper drive by band and color guard members and everyone is urged to bring papers to the high school starting Friday afternoon, Sept. 28 through the week-end, ending Sunday afternoon. Papers will be collected at a van near the main entrance rotary. Band and Color Guard members may be contacted for paper pick-ups.

The week-end of Oct. 5-7 is also shaping up as another busy one for the Agawam Band. They have been invited to perform at American International College on Sat. afternoon for the Alumni Homecoming weekend and football game with Amherst College. They will also march in the Columbus Day Parade in Springfield on Sunday, October 7 where they have earned many awards in the past. This all follows the Friday night game with Chicopee High School at Chicopee.

In an ongoing collection of Libbey's labels, all local residents are asked to save these for the band, with arrangements for their pick-up to be announced later. The label drive will last until December.

Local Students At Bay Path

Bay Path Junior College in Longmeadow has announced that the following students from Agawam have entered as members of the class of 1981.

Janet E. Lesik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lesik of Edgewater Road, is enrolled in the Executive Secretary program as is Laurie Ann Pelletier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pelletier of Country Road.

Maria T. Rocca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Rocca of Meadow Street, is enrolled in the Arts and Sciences program, as is Patrice M. Symanski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Symanski of Raymond Circle.

Mrs. Carol L. O'Donnell of South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Herzig of Southwick, is enrolled in the Legal Assistant (paralegal) program.

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School Lunch Menus

AGAWAM SCHOOL MENU

Monday, Oct. 1: Pizza w/ mozzarella cheese & hamburger topping, tossed garden salad w/ shredded carrots & French dressing, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich for seconds, chilled peaches in syrup, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 2: Hamburg on roll, buttered mixed vegetables, applesauce, spice cake w/ peanut butter icing, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Cod fish kabobos w/ tartar sauce or ketchup, oven French fries, broccoli cuts in lemon & butter sauce, whole wheat bread & butter, ice cream, milk

Thursday, Oct. 4: Apple juice, meat ball grinder w/ tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese garnish, buttered niblet corn, chocolate brownie, milk

Friday, Oct. 5: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, bread & butter, buttered pecan pudding w/ topping, milk.

SOUTHWICK SCHOOL MENU

Monday, Oct. 1: Ravioli w/ meat sauce, shredded mozzarella cheese, buttered green beans, bread & butter, chilled peaches, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 2: Hamburg on bun, French fries, strawberry jello w/ fruit & topping, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Beef & cheese pizza on English muffin, buttered mixed vegetables, chilled mixed fruit, cookies, milk

Thursday, Oct. 4: Sliced turkey w/ gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered peas, bread & butter, cranberry sauce, cookies, milk

Friday, Oct. 5: Tomato rice soup, saltines, cheese sandwich w/ lettuce, peach shortcake w/ topping, milk

YMCA Plans Jr. High Outdoor Activities

Trek out with the YMCA this fall in our new junior high experimental learning programs.

Five weekend trips have been planned including Hike Into The Night, Bike to Gardner State Forest, Climb Mt. Monadnock (N.H.), Rope Course, and Rock Climbing.

These are instructional weekends, run by experienced outdoor leaders, to challenge junior high kids in a new and exciting way.

Be part of it all! For more information, call the YMCA at 739-6951, ext. 253 or 254.

Agawam Y Slates Adventure Club

The place to be for kids this fall is the YMCA Family Outdoor Center in Agawam.

Children 6-12 years old can participate in Friday Adventure Club, which includes arts and crafts, games and special trips, Saturday swim lessons at the Junior High pool or special Saturday hiking trips to nearby Holyoke Range, Mt. Wachusett, and Chesterfield Gorge.

Specialty tennis lessons for 8-12 year olds and archery lessons are also available after school.

It's a fun fall at the YMCA on Perry Lane. For further information, please call 739-6951, ext. 253 or 254.

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- 10/2: Meatballs, noodles, green beans, pie
- 10/3: Ham, creamed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, pudding
- 10/4: Chicken chow mein, rice, lettuce, cookies
- 10/5: Batterfry fish, mashed potatoes, spinach, fruit

NAWIC Will Install Officers

Installation of new officers will take place at the October dinner meeting of the National Association of Women in Construction, Chapter 115, of Greater Springfield. The meeting will be held at the Willow Glen House, 232 North Main St., E. Longmeadow, on Tuesday, Oct. 9th with cocktails at 7:00, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Lucille Harland, outgoing president, will install the following officers: Miss Amelia Witkop, president; Mrs. Gloria Scully, vice president; Mrs. Nan Lyman, recording secretary; Mrs. Eleanor Turnberg, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Marcia Nelson, treasurer; Mrs. Elaine Wallwork, president-elect; and Mrs. Ann Blythe, Mrs. Hazel Kline, Mrs. Mary Letendre, Miss Lola Jaworek, directors.

Plans have been made for a bus shopping trip to Cohoes, New York, on Saturday, October 27. Mrs. Mary Letendre will take reservations which must be made no later than the meeting night.

Reservations for Installation-Dinner Meeting may be made with Miss Frances Pedulla of Agawam no later than Oct. 2nd.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At St. Anthony's Church

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its monthly all-night vigil of the most Blessed Sacrament at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Maple Street, Agawam, on Friday, October 5th at 9 p.m. through Saturday, October 6th at 6 a.m.

The Rev. Fr. Joseph Fellin, pastor of St. Anthony's, will officiate at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament exposed throughout the nine hours with rotating groups changing every hour. Assisting Fr. Fellin will be Alfred L. Mutti, membership chairman of St. Anthony's, and Louis Gallerani, president of the society.

Fire Dept. Indoctrinates Heritage Hall

The Agawam Fire Department performed an in-service inspection at Heritage Hall Nursing Homes on September 18th. At the same time, an indoctrination of employees at the nursing homes on procedures to follow in the event of a fire was provided, including fire extinguisher application and use on small fires.

Heritage Hall Nursing Homes shelter over 400 patients and employ over 400 men and women.

This in-service program was performed by the following on-duty members of the Fire Department: Deputy Chief Russell Jenks, Lt. Douglas Kerr, Acting Lt. Renzo Cesserini, Firefighters Kenneth Avondo, Robert Briggs, Donald Savaria, and Gary Schneider.

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Women's Club Holds Pot Luck Supper

The Annual Pot Luck Supper and Guest Night will be held October 3 at the Grange Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Following the business meeting a talk on "Birds of Prey" will be presented by Dick Lucius. He will have some live birds with him for illustration.

Reservations will be taken at the meeting for the club's trip November 7 to the Coachlight Dinner Theater to see "Showboat".

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SOCIAL

Chicken Pie Supper Scheduled

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its annual Chicken Pie Supper on October 11th. There will be two sittings, one at 5 and the other at 6:30 p.m., at the church social room, 745 Main Street.

Featured on the menu will be chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, cabbage salad, cranberry sauce, pickles, rolls, and beverages, along with homemade apple pie.

Children under 12 will be admitted at a reduced price. Accepting reservations are Mrs. John McQuesten, 914 Main Street, and Mrs. James Brown, 662 Main Street. Reservations close Tuesday, October 9th.

St. David's To Hold Tag Sale

St. David's Annual Tag Sale will be held on October 13th on the church grounds at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In conjunction with this will be a food sale and lunch will be served. Money raised will be used to defray church expenses and to continue the church's work in the mission field.

Anyone having merchandise to donate is asked to call chairman Bob Wise at 786-1165, Dave Gaboury at 786-8297, or Rich Berryman at 786-6125, for pick up. The church will be open from October 8th through October 12th from 7 to 9 p.m. for anyone wishing to bring in donations.

Newcomers Club Will Meet

All women of the area are invited to the next meeting of the Agawam/West Springfield Newcomers Club on October 2nd at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a demonstration and talk on flower arrangements by Gus Cowley followed by refreshments. Please feel free to come and join us for a fun evening.

Further information may be obtained by calling 786-2155 or 786-8358. See you there!

Mr and Mrs Thomas Hess of Birch Hill Rd. Agawam, announce the marriage of their daughter, Martha, to Scott MacKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKenzie of New Marlborough, Mass.

The Reverend Karl Huller officiated at the September twenty-second ceremony at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

The bride will graduate from The Cleveland Institute of Art after completing an internship in Medical Illustration at Bay State Medical Center. The groom owns and operates their farm in New Marlborough, where they will live.

Pot Luck Supper

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Mrs. Scott MacKenzie

Special Jazz Class to be Offered

The directors of Ballet Theatre School of Springfield, Inc. have announced that a Special Jazz Class (as part of the Guest Teachers Program) will be taught for all beginner-intermediate students by Clinton King, Jr., Founder/Artistic Director of the Commonwealth Dance Alliance of Springfield. The hour and a half class will be given on Friday evening, October 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in the studios of Ballet Theatre School, 266 Worthington Street, Springfield. All students of the school are to register for the class at the school office.

Clinton King, Jr. has studied dance with Frank Hatchett School of Performing Arts, the Bernice Johnson School of Dance, N.Y.U. School of arts, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, and the Clark Center for the Performing Arts both in New York City, and at the University of Massachusetts. He has performed in the Flip Wilson show at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, the Connie Stevens show in Reno, and has appeared in the ABC TV film "Cindy."

On Broadway, he has danced in "Bubbling Brown Sugar," "Rockabye Hamlet," and "Raisin," as well as having toured with National Touring Companies in "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," "The Me Nobody

Knows," and "Disney On Parade." Mr. King has had great success dancing in the major movie production of "Wiz" for Universal Studios.

Mr. King choreographed for numerous shows such as "Sepia Star" for the Manhattan Theatre Club, "El Hajj Malik" at John Jay College in New York City, "Asylum" at the New North School in Springfield, and "Magic To Do" in the Forest Park Amphitheatre. Mr. King serves as a member of the artistic staff for the Mayor's Office for Cultural and community Affairs of Springfield. For the month of September, he has been choreographing for "Choreographers Concepts Universal" at Memphis State University in Tennessee.

Two master classes in ballet (another part of the Guest Teachers Program) will be two leading soloists of the Boston Ballet, Laura Young and Tony Catanzaro, each teaching an hour and a half class on Saturday afternoon, October 27th. The first master class taught by Tony Catanzaro will be given from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The second class taught by Laura Young will be given from 2:30 to 4 p.m. These two classes are opened to all dance students and teachers in the Western Mass. area. All information pertaining to these classes and the rates is available by calling Ballet Theatre School any evening or Saturday at 732-9569.

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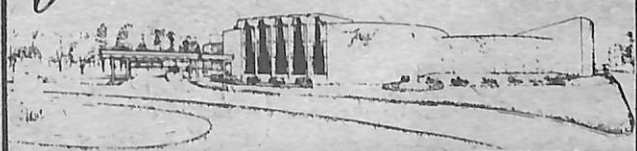
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Agawam Youth Raises Champion



Philip Scoville, age 14, Hapmden County 4-H Beef Member from Agawam, recently received the honor of Reserve Champion angus Steer at the Big E 4-H Beef Type Show.

Philip raised his steer, Radar Farms B.J., from a calf. At Big E time, B.J.'s weight was 1,135 pounds. He was sold at the Eastern States 4-H Beef Sale in Mallery Arena for 86 cents per pound.

B.J. was entered into Carcass Class Contest at Copaco, Bloomfield, Conn. and was graded choice, 1st place.

Congratulations Phil for a job well done.

Candidate's Night Scheduled

Candidates Night for those running for positions on the Agawam School Committee will be held on Thursday, September 27, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Robinson Park School cafeteria.

This forum, sponsored by the Robinson Park School Parent-Teacher Organization, will allow each candidate a brief period of time to express his/her position on current issues and then an informal question-and-answer session will take place.

With this Candidates' Night, an attempt has been made to bring together all the candidates running for the seven openings on our School Committee so that the voters of Agawam will have an opportunity to hear them speak and get to know their qualifications. The Robinson Park School PTO strongly encourages all of the citizens of Agawam to attend this event and get acquainted with the officials who make the crucial decisions affecting our children and our schools.

A brief business meeting of the PTO at 8:00 p.m. will precede the Candidates Night.

Bird Seed Savings Day To Be Held At Laughing Brook

The Connecticut Valley Massachusetts Audubon Society's sanctuaries are sponsoring a BIRD SEED SAVING'S DAY this fall and the order deadline is October 13.

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden and Arcadia Nature Center in Easthampton are offering high quality seed at competitive prices, as a special fundraising event. Sunflower seed, cracked corn, thistle seed and a special wild bird seed mixture are available. The seed is packaged in 25 or 50 pound bags.

A feature of this year's annual sale is a wide variety of bird feeders that are designed to increase people's enjoyment of birdwatching.

Both seed and feeders are described fully in a handout sheet at each sanctuary. For more information and to receive a form, call Laughing Brook at 566-3571, or Arcadia at 584-3009.

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Cindy Singers Begin Season

The Cindy Singers are looking forward to a strong 1979-80 season. The group, now in their seventh season, is a Suffield-based chorus comprised of alto and soprano singers from the northern Connecticut and Springfield areas. Last year, the Singers presented their program of Christmas and spring music in the Hartford Civic Center, entertained patients at several area nursing homes, and performed for various church organizations.

The Singers, directed by Suffield's Cindy Meyer, have begun rehearsing their program of sacred and secular Christmas music and of show tunes and popular songs for their spring performances.

New members are always welcome; music readers are preferred. The Cindy Singers are available to entertain during the upcoming holiday season. Direct inquiries to Cindy Meyer, 668-2471.

Community Grange To Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, October 2nd, in the Grange Home on North West Street. A buffet supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of the membership committee with Florence Blish, chairperson. Those planning to attend the supper are asked to get in touch with some member of the committee to plan for the food to be brought in.

An open meeting will be called at 8 p.m. for a program which will interest new members in the projects and interests of the grange. Mrs. Ellen Hitchings, Lecturer of the Massachusetts State Grange, will be the featured speaker. Grange members who have prospective members are urged to invite them both to the supper and to the meeting to follow.

A social hour will follow the program.

4-H Adult Training

Adults willing to help teach youth will have a chance to get involved on October 6.

4-H training workshops will be held at Memorial School on Norman Street in West Springfield from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The 4-H program is looking for adults willing to make a variable time commitment to youth in their area.

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Agawam Man Enters Dartmouth

Randolph B. Young of Agawam was among the approximately 1,050 students entering the freshman class as Dartmouth College began its academic year here in September. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Young of 1162 River Street.

Dartmouth, the ninth oldest college in the United States and the northernmost of the Ivy League institutions, operates on a four-term, year-round system. All four terms are equal and all entering students are required to attend at least one term in the four years during the summer.

A recent graduate of Agawam High School, Mr. Young is a National Merit Semifinalist. He received the Dartmouth Book Award, and was named High School All American in track, Lion Club Scholar Athlete and Springfield Newspaper Scholar Athlete.

Sportswriter for his school newspaper, Mr. Young was vice-chairman of the student council, vice-president of his class for two years, a school dance instructor, and a member of the band and the American Field Service.

Mr. Young played football, basketball, track, and indoor track teams at his school as well.

4-H Square Dancers Plan Lesson

The Barnyard Bunch 4-H Teen Square Dance Club was formed under the direction of caller Norm Choquette and is now entering its fifth year with over 80 members. The club is planning an introduction to square dancing with a free lesson to be held on Sunday, September 30, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Hampden County Improvement League Building, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. This activity is open to the public regardless of race, creed, or national origin. All teens between the ages of 13 and 20 are welcome.

If anyone has any questions, please call Mary Phelon at 736-7204 or Pattie Sullivan at 788-4116.



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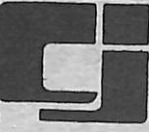
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Introduction to 4-H Square Dancing
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Agawam Draft Kennedy Movement Reaches Agawam

A Draft Kennedy for President organization meeting will be held this Tuesday, October 2nd, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library. The purpose of the meeting is to help in circulating Draft Kennedy petitions, pass out Kennedy material, and possibly have a fundraiser to support Kennedy volunteers in New Hampshire during the presidential primary.

Senator Oliver of Amherst will make an appearance at the meeting if our state legislature is not in session. John McCarthy and Rudy Altobelli are the local coordinators for the Kennedy draft.

For any individual or organization wishing to donate to the movement, please send contributions to Mass. Committee for a Democratic Alternative in 1980, 464 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA 02128 in care of Senator Sharon Pollard or Mr. Paul Eustace.



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In the area of personnel, Gerald Smith, a 14-year veteran business education teacher at Agawam High, was appointed to the position of Policy Coordinator. In this three-month position, Mr. Smith will review all policies in the system which directly affect student personnel.

Solution Sought For Overcrowded AHS Study Halls

The School Committee has decided to send a formal written request to Town Manager Peter Caputo for use of the Community Room at the town library for temporary relief of overcrowded study halls while the high school is being renovated.

According to previous reports from High School Principal David Theodorowicz, some of the study hall rooms are so overcrowded that students have to stand or sit on the floor.

If approval for use of the room at the library is granted, then Acting Superintendent James Bruno, School Committee Chairman Borgatti, and Town Manager Caputo will work out the actual classes to use the room and so on.

A final note of business came when the committee arranged to meet on October 2nd for a progress report on the hiring of the new superintendent of schools. Much conflict still seems evident in the choice of this individual, and the committee is hoping the number one candidate, Louis J. Hebert, will be able to attend the meeting.

Hood Elected Vice Chairman Mass. Education Board

Mr. Leonard C. Hood, 110 Plantation Drive, Agawam, was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education at the board's annual meeting on Friday, September 21.

Mr. Hood, who is the organized labor representative on the board, is employed by Northeast Utility Company where he also serves as president of Local 455, the Electrical Workers Union.

Since his appointment to the board in 1976, Mr. Hood has served on the board's Executive Committee, the Budget and Capital Outlay Committee and was chairman of the board's Affirmative Action Committee. At the present time, he is also a member of the Chancellor's Search Committee and is charged with appointing a temporary advisory committee to the board to study the issue of deferred maintenance at the public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts.

Mr. Hood attended the Harvard Trade Union Program and is a fulltime organizer for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the American Federation of Teachers. A native of Springfield, Mr. Hood resides in Agawam with his wife Barbara, who is a teacher in the Springfield School System.

Registry Urges Motorists To Obtain Inspection Stickers

With the semi-annual motor vehicle inspection period ending Monday, October 15, less than a month remains for the owners of the 3½ million motor vehicles to obtain the fall inspection stickers.

Richard E. McLaughlin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, cautions the motorist to "get to one of the 4,200 Registry-approved state inspection stations as soon as possible."

The Registrar said that after the spring inspection period ended, nearly 2,000 citations were issued to motorists who had failed to obey the law.

The fall sticker, green in color, costs \$2 with a charge of 50 cents for trailers.

McLaughlin also urges operators to perform a personal inspection prior to driving to a Registry-approved station.

"Turn on all the lights, walk around the car, make sure all bulbs are working. Have someone stand to one side and check the brake lights. Set the hand brake and test it yourself. You may be able to catch minor breakdowns in equipment before arriving at the station and being rejected," McLaughlin added.

Inspection includes brakes, lights, horn, exhaust system, steering, windshield and wipers, number plates, rear window, tires, fenders, bumpers, external sheet metal and the factory-installed pollution control system. Inspection of reflectors, chock blocks and splash guards is included on trucks.

Motor vehicle owners are warned the vehicle must have no signs or decals on either the front or rear window except the inspection sticker itself, which must be affixed to the lower right corner of the windshield, whether the vehicle is right or left hand drive. Also, no ornaments may hang from the inside rearview mirror.

Registrar McLaughlin noted mopeds and foot-driven bicycles are exempt from inspection. In 1978 the Commonwealth listed as registered some 3,110,612 passenger cars, which includes 4,500 taxi cabs, 11,000 buses, 86,233 motorcycles, 359,773 commercial vehicles and 32,000 state and municipal vehicles.

McLaughlin concluded, "When a car is found to have defective equipment during the inspection, a round rejection sticker is affixed, and the vehicle immediately becomes an outlaw on the highway. This means it can not be driven until the equipment is repaired."

"I strongly urge the motorist to make a first inspection of his or her vehicle to avoid having to leave the car at the inspection station. It can not be driven with a rejection sticker," he said.

Workshop On Stress Slated At Library

LIFEWAYS, in conjunction with the Agawam Public Library, will conduct a "how to" workshop on stress coping and stress reduction on Thursday, October 11th, at 8 p.m. at the library. The workshop is open to the public. A second workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 17th at 10 a.m. for the mothers and/or guardians of children enrolled in the Pre-School Story Hour program.

Pre-registration for the LIFEWAYS workshop is required by October 8th and can be arranged by calling the library (789-1550) or by dropping in to register at the main desk.

The workshop is designed to assist participants in recognizing sources of stress in their lives and in learning practical everyday relaxation exercises for dealing with stress. Constructive stress-management is increasingly cited to contribute to lifelong good health by public health officials.

LIFEWAYS/Health Promotion Resource Center for Western Mass. is concerned with what people can do in their own lives and in their own communities to promote health and well being. The center is funded by a demonstration grant from the Mass. Dept. of Public Health.

Money Management Workshop

Families are expressing concerns about inflation, daily living costs, credit costs, retirement plans, record keeping - in general, managing family resources effectively.

Helen Roberts, Extension Family Economics Educator, will conduct a workshop on Tuesday, October 16, at 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Money Management, which will be free and open to the public regardless of race, color, or national origin. The session will be conducted at Hampden County Extension Service, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Call the Hampden County Extension Service by October 10th to register. A list of materials you will need to bring will be sent upon your registration.

Juniors Sponsor Aluminum & Paper Collection

The Conservation Department of the Agawam Junior Women's Club under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bonnie Rydell has announced plans for an Aluminum and Paper Drive now through October 27th. Proceeds from these drives will be used for conservation projects and activities during the coming year.

Aluminum products - pie plates, frozen food trays, and foil - should be rinsed and saved separately from cans. Aluminum pots and pans, with handles removed, are also very welcome.

To determine if cans are made up entirely of aluminum (some cans do not have aluminum tops or bottoms) the magnet test is most reliable: if a magnet does not adhere to the can/top/bottom, it is aluminum. Please save only the aluminum portion of the can. Also, please rinse the cans and remove any label.

Papers should be tied in bundles that are easy to handle and transport.

Drop-off stations will be at the Food Mart parking lot and the King's parking lot in Agawam on October 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Juniors are grateful for the use of the two trucks and manual labor being donated by R. & R. Excavating of Agawam.

For additional information, please call 786-5119.

Safe Halloween Committee Forming

A meeting to organize the 10th annual Halloween celebration for the children of Agawam will be held at Agawam High School (Room 3) on Tuesday evening, October 2nd at 8 p.m.

Any individual or club interested in helping on the Committee for a Safe Halloween is asked to attend. For further information, contact Safety Officer Al Longhi of the Agawam Police Department at 786-4767.

SPAN Center Activities

Plans have been finalized for the fall, and the following groups will begin within the next month:

Adolescent group: a discussion group for 14-17-year-old adolescents. The group will be led by Cathy Willis and will work with a variety of issues, such as family conflict, school, sexuality, drugs and alcohol. The group is open to anyone who wishes to join. Call Cathy Willis for details.

8-10 Year-Old group: this will be a therapeutically-oriented activities group led by Pat Schwartz. The group will be restricted to 6 or 7 children, and first choice will be given to children already known by the center. Some referrals will also be accepted from the schools. Call Sam Femiano or Pat Schwartz.

Adult Therapy group: this group will be under the direction of Bruce Paradis and Howie Bearslee and will provide an alternative to individual or family therapy. It is open to anyone who wishes to join. Call Bruce Paradis or Howie Bearslee for details.

Women's group: a weekly group for women who wish to reduce anxiety and tension, increase self-confidence and self-esteem, to become more assertive and powerful in everyday situations. Call the center for details.

G.E.D. program: the high school equivalency preparation program meets twice a week. It is open to everyone age 16 or older who wishes to pursue a high school diploma. Call the center for details.

The center is looking for donations for their child play therapy room. If you wish to donate any of the following items or others that you feel are suitable, please call or simply bring them by. We need children's games; Fisher Price toys that have people, e.g. Sesame Street Playhouse, etc.; pre-school rubber and plastic toys that involve building, stacking, etc.; puppets, especially hand puppets; cloth dolls; art supplies; old clothes suitable for dress-up play; paper; large pillows or cushions.

Agawam Vocalists Named To Symphony Chorus

Twenty-eight vocalists representing sixteen towns have been named to the Springfield Symphony Chorus for the 1979-80 season. Auditions were held on September 8th.

Among the new sopranos and altos is Shannie Lebovitz from Agawam, and included in the new tenors and basses are Mark Lebovitz and Stephen Bozzano, both also from Agawam.

During the 1979-80 season, the Springfield Symphony Chorus, which is under the direction of assistant conductor for choruses Gilbert Vickers, will have two major concert assignments - Mendelssohn's *Elijah* on December 11th, part of the Masterpiece Series, and the March 9th Cabaret Pops Concert, *An Evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein* featuring conductor Richard Hayman and bass David Evitts.

SPAN Adds To Staff

The SPAN Center has hired Bruce Paradis, M.S.W., as the center's fulltime family therapist to replace Joanne Bassin who left in July.

Mr. Paradis has a master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut and has several years of experience with both in-patient and out-patient services. He will be seeing families, but also has a special interest in brief therapy and in working with individuals.

The center has also added Margaret Kierstein, a part-time family therapy intern, to their staff. Margaret is a doctoral candidate at the University of Massachusetts and will work two and a half days a week.

With the addition of these two staff persons, the center now has several therapy slots open for both individuals and families.

JFK Assassination Topic of Jaycee Program

Jack Gordon, authority on the John F. Kennedy assassination, will speak on the theories surrounding the death of the President at the Agawam Public Library Community Room Tuesday, October 9, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. This program sponsored by the Agawam Jaycees is free and open to all.

A question and answer period will immediately follow the program. Please come and join.

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Other Leagues are 8-9, 10-11, & 12-13

Boys Girls Basketball

6-7 Year Old Instructional
Boys Leagues are 8-10, 11-12, & 13-15
Girls Leagues are 8-9, 10-11, & 12-14

Boys Girls Swimming

Winter Session: Boys 5-14 & Girls 5-18
Summer Session: Boys 5-18 & Girls 5-18

Please Note

The Above Is A Competitive Program. If You Feel Your Child Does Not Swim Well Enough To Compete, Please Call Rodney Richardson, AAA Swim Commissioner at 786-2952. He Will Give You Information About The AAA Learn-To-Swim Programs.

Registration Dates

Saturday, September 29th From 10:00 A.M. To 2:00 P.M. In The Agawam High School Cafeteria. If It Is Absolutely Impossible For You To Register On The Above Date, Mr. & Mrs. Mason Will Open Their Home At 857 Springfield St., Feeding Hills To Accept Registrations On Thursday & Friday, September 27th and 28th From 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Please Note

Anyone Registering After The Above Dates Will Be Assessed A \$5.00 Late Fee.....No Exceptions. All Above Sports Require A Registration Fee. All AAA Suburban Sports Will Be Registered In Sports Season.

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EDITORIAL



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

In last week's letters to the editor, I would like to add one more step on the article written by Alfred Grise regarding no more government agencies in Agawam which I considered was excellent. Let us call it Step XI.

To house and maintain the extra staff for each new department created, they will be looking for more space. This is to qualify the other committee they have out looking to acquire 200 acres to build a new monument in town which presumably will be called the New Town Hall Complex, which costs will slowly creep up to a million dollars if you understand how government works. And eventually wind up with a roof that leaks after the warranty expires.

Remember, any funding we get from the federal government has to be paid by us eventually anyway. Let's take for example the federal building built recently in Springfield. The electric bill is about \$80,000 per month.

Our New Town Hall Complex will need an exceptionally large parking lot which must be maintained in the summer and snow plowed in the winter. Expensive shrubs to make it look beautiful. And gardeners to maintain it. Without getting into detail, you can add many other items of the same nature as you go along.

At present, the town hall is perfectly located. Everyone goes past it to cross the bridge from one side of town and a stone's throw for the other side.

If they put the new one where they are considering it, everyone will have to drive at least two miles to it and two miles return. Now consider the cost for gas and the time involved getting there, plus the distance you will have to walk from the parking lot to whichever building you wish to reach. From what I understand, they will be consolidating every department there. Maintenance, Fire, Police, and any other departments they will think of along the way.

Believe me, this is not progress. This is not the way to win our war against inflation, energy, and economy.

We, the citizens of Agawam, are now trying to shut off extra rooms in our homes, consolidating our trips to wherever we want to go, tightening our belts as the saying goes. We need better representation from our councilmen to speak for all 28,000 people of Agawam.

Instead of looking to expand and make things larger and creating more jobs thus creating more taxes, we should have the guts and face reality. Cut Down On Staff.

Eliminate Regulations Which Require Extra Paper Work Which Is Worthless. Most departments want paper work to justify extra staff assistants and clerical help.

Suggestion For Expansion - possibly buy the homes on either side of the Town Hall. With modifications, we can reasonably pursue business as usual. We don't need these bomb-proof complexes.

Eventually, if the Middle School is phased out at some future date, we can remodel that with little expense. This was an excellent suggestion made by Mr. Moreno at one time, but because we had a one-sided council that had too much heat in the kitchen they didn't want to accept it from one on the other side. This is just one example as to how biased some councilmen get when they don't care for one of their own. They hurt the town and citizens of Agawam by it.

Or as an alternative we can shift a large portion of the administrative paper work and files into the high school and let it be handled under proper supervision as a class subject. This is good training for our young, and everyone will benefit by it. This way we can lower taxes.

There will be no need for unions, tenure of office, insurance, etc. and our children will become better and knowledgeable citizens. Why teach examples when they can be doing the actual thing with interest.

We must cut costs if we are to maintain or lower the tax rate.

If your councilmen continue to follow the requests of small, organized groups which are out to destroy the Town of Agawam by not allowing business to come into Agawam, there is only one way you can win. Get out and vote at the next election and show them you are still around, but silent.

Deeply Concerned Citizen

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN COUNCIL
AGAWAM, MASS.

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on October 15, 1979, at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass., on the application of Richard Langone for a license to keep, store, and sell petroleum products in underground tanks not to exceed 5,000 gallons at 1668 Main Street in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts.

Edward A. Caba
Town & Council Clerk

New Max-Ed Toughness... Band Aid Approach

by Ric Sardella

The other evening I was chatting with a group of teachers from the high school about the school's Max-Ed program and the new get tough policies the administration and school committee had bestowed upon the Class of 1980.

Band Aid Approach

In unison the educators present contended that the new measures constituted a band-aid approach to addressing the Max-Ed issue.

The thrust of the new proviso, recently accepted by the school board, includes: 3 unexcused tardinesses and 2 unexcused absences within a marking period mandates immediate 20 day removal and elevating grade requirements from a "D" to a "C" as a participation requirement.

"That's all fine and dandy, but what really has changed?" asked one teacher. "What they did was get out the tape and cover the wound. Believe me, it won't work," one teacher added, referring to the new policies.

This basic premise permeated the discussion...the school committee has failed to take a good hard look at Max-Ed, grass roots style.

Original Intent Neglected

According to the teachers, the original intent of Max-Ed, as prescribed seven years ago in its adopted form, has been neglected. That intent is found in the program's very name, Maximum Education...miximizing a pupil's education by allowing exodus from the school from the school building and into the community for volunteer work to increase responsibility and accomplishment. School related activities were also encouraged in the original package, but to a lesser degree.

Judging from discussions with these and other teachers, parents, community leaders and the students themselves, Max-Ed at Agawam High School is basically a liberal, open campus enterprise whereby students are relatively free of accountability; providing of course they behave themselves and maintain passing grades.

Faculty support, originally enthusiastic, has eroded over the past six years. The Police Department has spoken against the program because of abuses by

various participants. Parents remain bewildered as their offspring come and go during regular school hours. Guidance counselors say the program lacks substance and has little academic value.

Supervision and Attitude

The reasons for the program's apparent difficulties: lack of administrative supervision and an overall attitude by the seniors to view Max-Ed as an inalienable right, and not a prized privilege.

The supervision problem comes into proper perspective after examining the 78-79 academic session: one part time director with full time classroom duties and faculty participation that can be tallied on seven fingers. Not a sound method to ensure that seniors are following their signed contract. Hardly a way to seek viable outside opportunities to maximize a student's educational experience.

Mary Charest, Max-Ed's director since September, 1975, has given a yeoman's effort in attempting to bring Max-Ed into a properly planned and goal oriented

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Letter To People of Agawam by Fred A. Drew

My name is Fred A. Drew, I reside at 444 Cooper Street, Agawam. I've been on vacation for the past few weeks, and upon returning I was surprised to read that horseracing was turned down in Agawam because no record could be found to verify that it (horse racing) had ever been approved (by the town).

Well, it was approved. I was there and voted for it along with my family and many friends. It was voted at a 1934 Town Meeting to have the Moderator appoint a committee. This committee would go to cities and towns that had racing, speak to officials there, and gather information, good and bad, and give a report at a later meeting.

This committee visited Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and reported at a special meeting. The committee quoted Saratoga officials as saying, "If it was not for horse racing, Saratoga Springs would not be what it is today."

If horse racing was *not* approved in Agawam, why, at a special Town Meeting held on May 17, 1935 (Article 6) was it voted by ballot - 907 in the affirmative, 430 in the negative - to change the zoning from Residence A to Business on the property held by Bowles Agawam Airport, Inc? At a later meeting held on August 27, 1935, it was voted unanimously to change all property on Silver Street from residential to business. (The articles being 2, 3, and 4).

I am writing this news letter to let the people of Agawam know the true story of racing here in Agawam. I am not connected with any racing group; in fact, I haven't met and do not know any of the racing group. I am just Freddy Drew of Agawam and I can prove any of the above statements.

I can't understand the voting of the Councilors. Only one voted in favor of racing. By defeating this proposal, they are not complying with the wishes of the people of Agawam. The voters of Agawam have voted racing every four years in the County referendum, and I believe the last referendum approved racing for Hampden County.

By not voting for racing, the Town Council is throwing \$5,000,000 in value down the drain. Think of it people, \$5,000,000 at our present tax rate of \$52.50 amounts to \$262,000 in taxes annually as compared with the \$47,000 the town now collects in taxes from the present airport site. Can't we use this extra amount?

Before my phone starts ringing, I'd had better explain: In 1968, the Revaluation Company put a replacement value on all airport buildings of \$1,722,189 and a land value of \$777,650. Gone in 1968 were the track, Totalizer Board, 8 horse barns, and horsemen's quarters. 287 acres of flat land at today's prices - you figure it out. All of the above statistics are available at the Town Hall.

The Council would like you to believe that racing brings an unsavory element of Touts, Stick-up men, rapists, etc. Agawam's track ran for four years with one Chief of Police and elected Constables, and we're still here. Great Barrington, with a girls' college, also known as "The Saratoga of the Berkshires," - no incidents. Salem, New Hampshire, with 47 years of racing is still a peaceful town, along with Hinsdale. Pawtucket, Rhode Island, home of Brown University, has two tracks, Naragansett and Lincoln, two miles apart.

If Horse racing is so detrimental to a community and only the undesirable element run the races, why is it that the Vanderbilts, Mrs. Dodge Sloan, the Whitneys, Calumet Farms, The Hanovers, Ethel Mars and many other wealthy and respected people have or had large racing stables?

To many unbelievers; the result of the 1934 State elections were:

For Licensed Horse Racing: Yes - 1249; No - 451; Blanks - 687.

For Licensed Dog Racing: Yes - 1001; No - 580; Blanks - 687.

Agawam needs and can use the revenue a race track will bring in.

Ms. Vigilance



Jane Knodler, Agawam a member of "The Piecemakers" switches from stitching to smiling at the Big E's Quilting Bee held recently at the Youtharama.

Skating Club Begins Season

The Skating Club of Springfield begins its seventh season this month to encourage the sport of figure skating in this area.

Three levels of programming are being offered in order to meet the needs of the beginning skater as well as the competitive skater. The USFSA Badge Program is taught through group instruction and designed for the beginning skater to learn basic techniques, with awarding of badges as an incentive to growth.

The Junior Program is for beginning skaters who desire private instruction and wish to become club members.

The Senior Program provides ice time for the serious skater to master figures, free style, and ice dancing through private instruction.

The club meets at the Olympia Ice Sports Center in West Springfield where it will host a New England Interclub Competition in April and culminate the year with a skating exhibition in May.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact Norma Helmes at 739-9367 for further information.

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forum. But with four preparatory courses, how could anyone expect Mrs. Charest to carry the Max-Ed banner alone?

When the school committee deliberated on the 1979-80 program, the idea of hiring Mrs. Charest as a full time director was ignored. Declared a long time senior high teacher; "Until they hire a full time director, how can Max-Ed work? There is no way a part timer can explore outside activities never mind monitor all those kids."

Second Hinderance

How the seniors perceive Max-Ed is a second hinderance. Says a teacher who has served as a Max-Ed advisor; "Most students see Max-Ed as an easy way out of the building and try their hardest to circumvent its guidelines and purpose." According to this teacher, it will be very difficult to change these sentiments without a complete revamping of Max-Ed and its objectives.

So, according to critical comment, a comment I find difficult to fault, the new policies apply only a bandage to a deep and penetrating wound.

Max-Ed opponents further claim the reported growth of discipline problems at the senior high are manifested by the program.

School committeewoman Jesse Fuller spearheaded a bitter assault against Max-Ed last summer as a result of sporadic incidents that occurred at the high school last year. Two of Mrs. Fuller's colleagues, Walter Balboni and Joseph Napolitan joined the "abolish Max-Ed" movement. Yet, Max-Ed survived the salvo due to the efforts of members Richard Borgatti, Roberta Doering and Venetta Snyder. The trio stood behind the six year program while acknowledging that further modification, now an annual event, was necessary to justify its continuation.

Overblown by Media

Administration officials claim that the school's discipline problems are over blown by an agitating media. However, the public is clamoring for a return to old fashioned classroom discipline to combat the alarming growth of vandalism and villainous behavior in public schools. Outbreaks at Agawam High simply backlash on Max-Ed.

The expected September 1980 completion of the high school renovation project also adds to Max-Ed's growing list of anti-bodies. Its a widely maintained fact that over the years Max-Ed has alleviated the over crowded conditions at Agawam High. Crushing Max-Ed is creating a monster in the hallways and study halls...no longer true once the school's expansion is completed.

As program proponents quickly point out, Max-Ed has served to the benefit of some students. And it is not abused by the majority of participants as it is now set up.

Program for Achievers

But I see Max-Ed as a program for achievers; the good school citizens who have a list of extra-curricular activities while maintaining sound grades. Maximizing a senior's education means worthwhile endeavors; not goofing off or sleeping an extra hour during five out of six free periods.

It is becoming obvious that unless school board members and administrators sit down and decide to scrap the present program and initiate a new innovative one, with a full time director, Max-Ed's days appear to be numbered. "It's in the cards," one long time teacher observed.

Local Residents Win At Big E Craft Fair

Several Agawam residents have won prizes and honorable mentions for their entries in the 1979 Craft Adventure held Thursday, August 30 at the Eastern States Exposition.

Hundreds of craft items were displayed and judged in many categories of 11 classes, including quilts, canvas and crewel embroidery, macrame, weaving, and hooked, yarn-made, braided, vestamayd, and shirret rugs.

Entries were judged on criteria which included quality of workmanship, use of color and materials to enhance the overall design, source and adaptation of design, and originality and creativity.

The Craft Adventure is sponsored annually by the Big E's Creative Crafts Department and is intended to carry on the tradition of creative handicrafts in America, to stimulate interest in design and workmanship, and also to encourage creativity and originality.

Winning entries will be exhibited in the Youtharama Building throughout the 12-day run of the Big E.

Winners from Agawam include the following:
Hooked Rugs, Group A (floral, fruit, scrolls): Evelyn B. Abell, Best of Show; Group E (pictorials, wall hangings):

Evelyn Abell, third prize
Yarn-made Rugs, Group C (wall hangings): Laurie Sorel, honorable mention.

Shirret Rugs, Class F (new directions: pillows, wall hangings, accessories): Rose Duquette, second prize
Quilts, Group A2 (patchwork without quilting): Jane Knodler, second prize. Group C2 (patchwork and applique without quilting): Jane Knodler, second prize; Group D1 (children's and/or crib size with quilting): Rose Monkiewicz, honorable mention Group E (misc. types): Rosalin Brezinski, third prize.

Canvas Embroidery, Group C (wall hangings, pictures): Mary Broadhurst, third prize
Crewel Embroidery, Group D (pictures, wall hangings): Donna J. Scherpa, second prize

Other Surface Embroidery, Silk & Metal: Sue Peckham, first prize and tie with Catherine Boadry for third.
Counted Thread Embroidery: Barbara Hodges, third prize

Macrame, Group B (curtains, room dividers, furniture): Carolyn Beggs, third prize

Swingles Club To Meet

The Swingles Square Dance Club will feature guest caller Del Barone calling and the Benoits cueing the rounds at their square dance on Friday, October 5th at 8 p.m. This is the annual fall season dance featuring homemade pie and cheese for the refreshment break, and will be held at the Church of Good Shepherd, 33 Elm Street, West Springfield.

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SPORTS

Jr. High Football Zips Longmeadow 20-0

On Friday, September 21, the Agawam Jr. High football team opened its season with an impressive 20-0 victory over Longmeadow at home.

Controlling the ball for most of the game, the Warriors scored their initial touchdown early in the second period when right halfback David Houlihan plowed into the end zone from 5 yards out. The remaining trio of Agawam's talented quartet of running backs - Al Feeney, Mike Beaudette, and Leo Chenevert - combined with Houlihan to gain plenty of yardage on the ground throughout the game. They were aided in this effort by quarterback Steven Young's well-executed ball handling and hand-offs and by the aggressive, determined play of the offensive line as a unit.

Later in the same period, defensive end Mike St. Germaine recovered a Lancers' fumble in the end zone for Agawam's second touchdown. The entire defensive unit played an excellent opening game. Other outstanding plays included fumble recoveries by Steve Grasseti, Clark Dore, and Steve DePalma; an interception by Leo Chenevert; and a touchdown-saving shoestring tackle in the open field by Frank Rondolletto. Defensive tackles Joe Bonfitto and Joe Graveline and middle guard Mark Goodwin successfully helped to bottle up Longmeadow's inside running game.

Early in the fourth quarter, Steven Young combined with Mike Beaudette on a beautifully executed 42-yard scoring pass. Young then successfully rushed for the 2-point conversion to make the final score 20-0. Also playing strong games offensively for the Warriors were guard Mark Longhi, center Doug May, flanker Mike Govoni, and wide receivers Rod Bush and Kevin O'Keefe.

Rounding out the Agawam squad are 9th graders Ron Swift and Danny DiSanti and 8th graders Mark Tessicini, Tony Grasso, Dennis Sliech, Shawn Uschmann, Eric Lunden, Bill Landry, Tony Antico, Mike Raimondi, Shawn Simpson, Richard Witek, Gary Gingras, and Matt Orr.

Head Coach Gus Young is pleased with the team's progress and willingness to work hard. Both he and assistant coaches Gary Geiger, Kevin Moriarty, and Kirk Parker look forward with guarded optimism to the AA portion of the schedule, which opens this Friday as Agawam visits arch-rival West Springfield. Game time is 3:15 p.m.

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After the Brownie recovered from a David Stuart fumble deep in their own territory at the close of the first twelve minutes of action leading to Paul Penna's one-yard blast to the end zone, that well-oiled running attack took command as it did against Minnechaug a week earlier.

Behind senior fullback Kurt Toomey's 35-yard scamper to the flag in the third period, Agawam began tearing the Brave defense to shreds. Toomey rushed for 142 yards on 20 carries followed by Stuart's 125 yards on 15 attempts, good for a whopping 8.3 average per shot.

Although Agawam failed to pad their lead, the offense maintained control. Both Stuart and Toomey ripped huge chunks in the Taconic real estate, especially in the fourth quarter. An assortment of penalties frustrated the locals from turning what appeared to be a close contest at the final gun into a rout.

"The offense just continues to be our most potent weapon," remarked Michalak. "I'm very much impressed with the execution and the way the backs and the blockers are communicating. It's just fun to watch and to coach."

Taconic broke the Agawam defense with 34 ticks showing on the third period clock. Mike Magner tallied on a six-yard run to close the count to 21-12. A few pass interference calls, which drew the wrath of the Brownie fans who made the trip, salted the Taconic drive. Officiating, or the question of it, was a main topic of conversation in post game chatter although Michalak refused to rap the officials.

He simply declared, "I don't think you'll see us going up to his area again. It just doesn't sit well with me and never has."

But as fate would have it Michalak and his men must return to this rustic land to battle the Drury Blue Devils on Saturday. Noted the second-year mentor on the clash, "Beating Taconic has given us confidence and we'll go up there feeling no apprehension."

Michalak was a bit critical of Agawam's defensive

unit. He disclosed that game films revealed that sloppy play and the emergence of a few key links holding the entire chain together is a cause for future concern.

The linebacking crew of Joe Pezzamenti, Bob Rose, Bill Blackak and Mike Longhi performed exceptionally well. Pezzamenti, Blackak, Longhi and Toomey were named as acting captains for the Drury encounter by Michalak.

Toomey, along with Stuart, drew player-of-the-game honors from the coaches and the Agawam Booster Club for the offense. Pezzamenti was tagged as the game's outstanding performer on defense.

"We just have a lot of work and holes to fill on defense. We were sloppy, but held together when the going got tough and that's a sign of character, he added while praising the performances of Paul Zerbinopoulos, a defensive back, Brian Sweeney, a defensive end, and Jim Fleming, a two-way lineman.

Like the Minnechaug contest, the Brownie attack placed a strain on us pen-pushers who try to keep a barometer on the statistics. LeClerc added 48 yards rushing and 66 yards through the air waves, totalling 374 yards offense. Agawam racked up 396 against Minnechaug a week earlier in a 28-6 pasting.

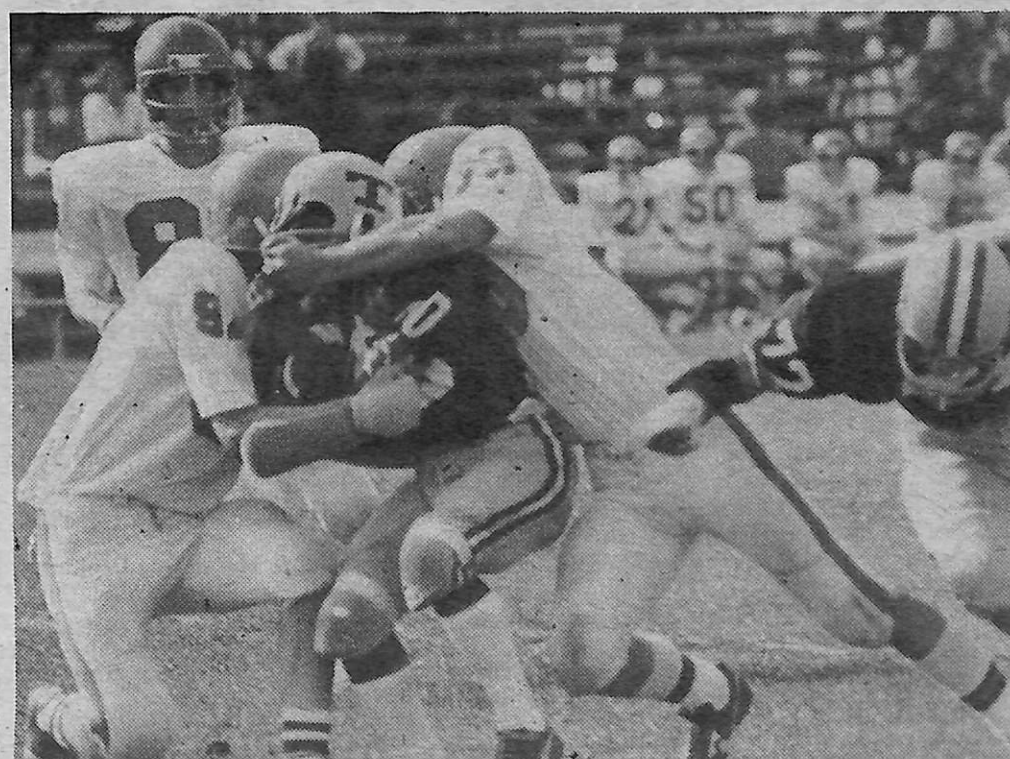
BAKED BROWNIES: Agawam played without the services of ace halfback/secondday man Dan Beaudette due to illness, but Michalak quickly noted that Mr. Stuart, a cat-quick junior, filled the void quite nicely.

The Brownie sideline general credited LeClerc with the play that resulted in his TD bomb to Yacteen, saying, "I called a pass and told Ricky to throw off the play action. He's the one who decided to heave the big one."

Good news came from the doctor's office in that senior Steve Wojcik, a top-notch lineman, should be ready for action, if not against Drury, then in Agawam's league opener October 6th with Chicopee.

"And he has to win his job back," laughed Michalak. "Wojcik's replacement, Jimmy Fleming, has surprised everyone with his steady and aggressive play."

LeClerc has booted seven consecutive extra points to add to his already impressive stats.



Wonder if the referee caught this one?...our camera did recently at the Agawam JV vs Taconic football game. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

Gridiron Moms Slate Meeting

The Agawam Gridiron Mothers' Club have scheduled their next meeting for Tuesday, October 9th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam High School teachers' cafeteria.

This organization is comprised of all mothers with sons playing football at the senior high school, past or present. Its purpose is to create good fellowship and promote good will. They help provide a scholarship fund for graduating seniors who are furthering their education and an annual banquet for the junior varsity and varsity players.

Tickets are now available from members of the Gridiron Moms' Club for their planned Monte Carlo Night, which will be held on Saturday, October 20, at the Polish American Club beginning at 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, please contact any Gridiron Mom.

For further information on this organization, you may contact Mrs. Noel Yacteen at 786-9581 or Mrs. Kay Fleming at

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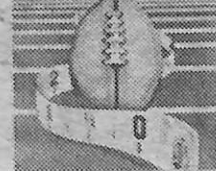
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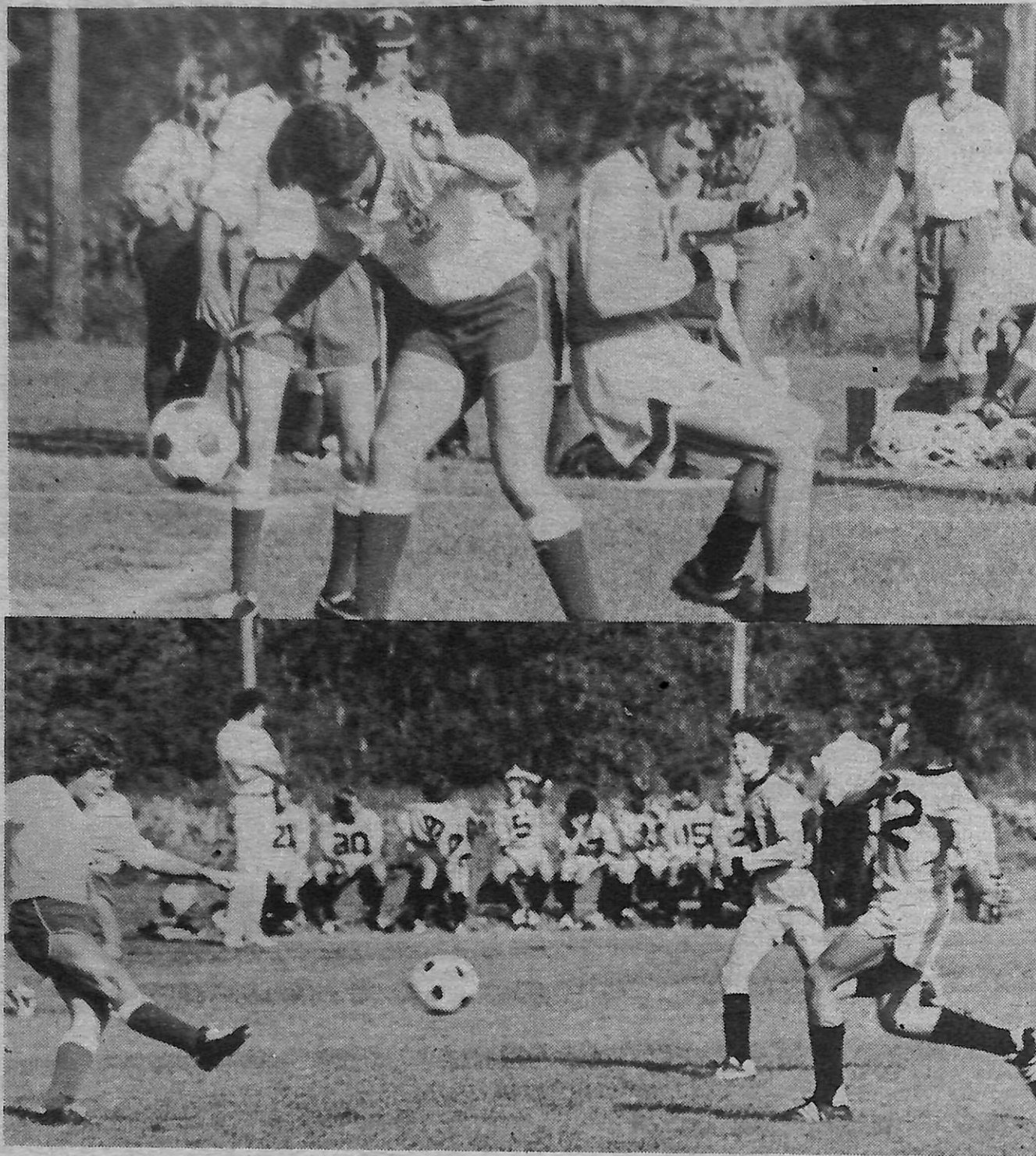
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Agawam A.A. Changes Registration Policy

Mr. Gerald Mason, President of the Agawam Athletic Association, has announced a change in the organization's registration policy. Registrations will now be taken only once a year. Mason said that this new procedure will eliminate much unnecessary paper work and will allow the Athletic Association to plan ahead in a more efficient manner.

Registration for all 1980 sports, with the exception of Suburban Sports, will be held on Saturday, September 29, 1979 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Agawam High School cafeteria. At that time, registrations will be taken for boys baseball, girls softball, boys and girls basketball, and a boys and girls competitive swimming program. All programs will require a registration fee.

Mr. Mason noted that anyone who cannot attend Saturday's session, must register at his home on 857 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills on Thursday or Friday, September 27 and 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. ONLY. Anyone registering AFTER Saturday, will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee-with NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you desire further information, please call Mr. Mason at 786-5624.

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Soccer Team Bows To Tech, Westfield

By Charles Duclos

On September 19, Springfield's Tech Tigers moved into Agawam to hand the Brownies boys' soccer varsity a 1-0 shutout.

Playing under ideal weather conditions, Coach Paul Blodgett's forces appeared to have the advantage throughout most of the game; however, they were unable to capitalize on some in-close shots.

Deft ball-handling and fleetness of foot by Bart McCarthy, Tony Cortese, and Dave Wheeler put the pressure on Tech, but the Tigers nonetheless were able to tally deep into the first half of the game.

Coach Blodgett remains confident that his mates will become more solidified as the season progresses. None of Agawam's losses have been by wide margins. Those dropped were only by one point. This says something for a team that is in a period of reconstruction after having graduated eleven of its seniors last June.

On September 22, with one minute left in the game, Westfield slipped a shot past Dave Gilbert, Agawam's goalie, to give the Bombers a 3-2 victory.

Nothing should be taken away from Gilbert in his difficult position, as he had thirty shots taken at him during this spectacular event. Dave covers his area well, and, at times, seems to be like Plastic Man as he lunges and stretches to ward off the speeding sphere from entering the net. Supporting the goaltender with some extraordinary play were Goerge Russell and Gene Arsenault.

In the second quarter of action, Jeff Duclos carried the ball from midfield to within striking distance of the goal. He passed off to Tom Sipitowski, and Sip sent the leather home for the tally.

Agawam's second marker came on a pass from Bill O'Brien to Bart McCarthy, and Mac did his thing.

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RECREATION OPEN SWIM SCHEDULE:

SESSION: Oct. 4th-Dec. 6th (10 weeks)
TIME: Thursday 7:30-9 p.m.

SESSION: Oct. 7th-Dec. 9th (10 weeks)
TIME: Sunday 2-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Agawam Junior High pool

REGISTRATION: not required
FEE: 50 cents per person (pay guard at the pool)

YOUTH SWIM INSTRUCTION

Co-sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association

SESSION: Beginners, Adv. Beginners, Intermediate
TIME: Saturdays, 9-9:45 a.m. (10 weeks) Oct. 6-Dec. 8

SESSION: Beginners, Adv. Beginners, Intermediate
TIME: Saturdays, 10-10:45 a.m. (10 weeks) Oct. 6-Dec. 8

SESSION: Adv. Beginners, Intermediates, Swimmer
TIME: 11-11:45 a.m. (10 weeks) Oct. 6-Dec. 8

SESSION: INTRODUCTION TO LIFESAVING
TIME: Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m. (pool); 7:30-9 (class in caf)

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High pool
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: none

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Tom Pirnie; Assistants Jeff Richardson and Linda Catchepaugh
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YOUTH GYMNASTICS INSTRUCTION

Classes are limited to 30 per class on a first come-first served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent or guardian before the child may participate.

SESSION: Oct. 6-Dec. 8 (10 weeks)
TIME: Saturdays 9-9:45 (4 & 5 year olds)
9:45-10:30 (beginners 6 and up)
10:30-11:15 (intermed. 6 and up)
11:15-12:00 (advanced 6 and up)

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High gym
REGISTRATION: Parks & Rec office
FEE: none
INSTRUCTORS: Janet Murray, Lisa Hadden, Paula Hadden, and LeeAnn Mercadante

BELLY DANCE INSTRUCTION

This program offers physical exercise as well as instruction in the beginning movements in belly dancing.

SESSION: Oct. 1-Dec. 3 (10 weeks)
TIME: 6:30-7:30 beginner class
7:30-8:30 advanced beginner
LOCATION: Agawam Middle School gym
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: \$10 for 10 lessons (limit 30 to class)
INSTRUCTOR: Willie Fortini

CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM

The Junior High School gym and the pool are available to Agawam civic groups and clubs through reservations. There is a 50 cents fee per person. A life guard is provided.

SESSION: October - March
TIME: Fridays 7-8 p.m. gym time
8-9 p.m. pool time
LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: 50 cents per person (to lifeguard at pool)

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN RECREATION

This program is run in connection with children advocacy program.

SESSION: Oct. 6-Dec. 8
TIME: Saturdays 12 to 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Agawam Middle School bandrm. & gym
Exceptions - Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1 at the Jr. High
INSTRUCTORS: Gary Campurciani, Maria Gomez, Betty McLean

WOMEN'S FITNESS-VOLLEYBALL-SWIM

This program offers exercise, volleyball and swim for women only.

SESSION: Oct. 3-Dec. 5 (10 weeks)
TIME: Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. (exercise, volleyball)
8-9:30 p.m. (instruction, open swim)
LOCATION: Agawam Junior High gym and pool
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: \$6 per person
INSTRUCTORS: Willie Fortini and Dee Berkey

ADULT SELF DEFENSE

This course provides the necessary skills and knowledge in protecting oneself. Advisable for persons of all ages, excellent exercise.

SESSION: Oct. 3 - Nov. 21 (8 weeks)
TIME: Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School
REGISTRATION: Parks and Rec office
FEE: \$10 per person
INSTRUCTOR: David Skolnick

MEN'S ADULT VOLLEYBALL

An informal program of volleyball for men; also provides exercise and fun.

SESSION: Oct. 2 to December 4, 1979 (10 weeks)
TIME: Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Robinson Park Elementary School Gym
REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office
REGISTRATION FEE: \$12.00 per session

Welcome To My World

by Charles Duclos

Teams Scouted

During the Tech-Agawam soccer game on September 19, Jim Conte head soccer coach at Westfield State College, sat in the bleachers and looked over the talent on the field. Accompanying their coach were John Leahy and John Vassallo, varsity players from the school of higher learning located in the Whip City.

Fonte, himself, has a long and distinguished career in soccer as both a player and a coach. Long associated with the sport in his native town of Ludlow, Jim was formerly the head coach at St. Mary's in Westfield before moving out to the Owls' campus on Western Drive.

Those playing under Coach Fonte's direction will find a keen taskmaster, a fundamentalist, a competitor, and a fine gentleman.

16 Acres Plowed Under

Coach Bill O'Brien's 13-14 girls' soccer team, playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League, scored three times the second half of their game against the 16 Acres Lions last Sunday.

Sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association, O'Brien's girls and the Lions played a see-saw type first period, but the Agawamites seemed to go full tilt on the downside of the game as Michelle Duclos lifted a beauty with her left foot that took off like a jet and sailed over the head of the goalie. Shortly afterwards, Linda Desmarais on an in-close play on goal scooted one in to give O'Brien a 2-0 edge. Jennifer O'Brien kissed one off the right side of the goal post and telegraphed it into the goal area to give the 3A's a 3-zip win.

Coach O'Brien and his assistant Shari Balderelli had high praise for their team, but especially plaudits went to Julie Miodowski and Maria Koslowski for keeping the ball in bounds and feeding it to the center positions. Also, Lena Koslowski has matured this year in her position as goalie and should be even more spectacular at this job than she was last season.

Day Hopping

It would be difficult to live in the great state of Massachusetts and not be lured occasionally to the seat of our government - Boston. Recently, it was not the attraction of politics or history that attracted us there, but rather the shopping center Quincy Market.

A leisurely drive through a driving rainstorm on a.m. brought us to Bean Town in about two hours. Down the Mass. Pike to the Expressway north and the Atlantic Avenue ramp brought us to within striking distance of the market area. Parking for the day was \$2.50 and we were off to an exciting late morning/early afternoon of shopping and eating.

Passing through Fanueil Hall and into the main complex of the shopping center, eateries seem to be everywhere, which would satisfy the hunger of any weary traveler. Quick snacks to full meals are at one's beck and call. American, European, and Oriental delicacies are on hand within the framework of the center shaft of the area. Ample seating arrangements line the outside where one can enjoy the purchases in either an outside setting or under an enclosure.

Heavily dotting the rectangular mall are shops where a person may purchase quality clothing, knick-knacks, pottery, pewter, and assorted sundries.

Around the corner from Quincy Market, the Farmers' Market occupies a small corner of the world in the midst of the hustle and bustle of big city life and is opposite the construction of a new edifice. Vegetables and fruits of all types are reasonable priced, and one may be lucky enough to haggle with one of the proprietors to lessen his cost. Poultry and other cuts of meat are in large quantities in stores adjacent to the market.

All in all, it's worth the trip. Next time, it'll be for a scientific reason.

Tennis Party Set For Lung Association

The American Lung Association is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. In honor of this event the Western Mass. Lung Association is sponsoring a Tennis Party with the cooperation of the Pioneer Valley Racquet Club on Saturday, October 13th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Four indoor tennis courts will be used for play and for the benefit of the Lung Association. Registrations for court time are now available to all tennis enthusiasts. You don't have to be a member to play. The donation for the court time will go to help support the work of the Lung Association. Doubles and group participation are encouraged in order to obtain maximum court use. Hourly door prizes will be drawn for the participants.

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Soccer Car Wash

The Agawam High School Soccer Parents' Association will conduct a car wash for the benefit of the varsity boys' and girls' Scholarship Fund. The event will be held on Saturday, September 29, at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street. The hours will be 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance by members of the soccer teams and the cheerleaders. Drive-ins will be more than welcome on the day of the wash. Donation will be \$1.00. Rain date is Sunday, September 30.

AAA Piranhas Hold Sign-Ups

On Saturday, September 29, the Piranhas Swim Team will hold its winter sign-ups at Agawam High School. Any swimmer between the ages of 5-18 who is capable of swimming one length of the pool unaided is eligible to sign up.

Swim Commissioners and parents will be available at the high school to answer any questions you may have.

The Piranhas had an excellent summer season winning 3 out of 7 meets. The team brought home a number of trophies and ribbons from the Western Mass. Summer Swim League Championships which were held at Look Park. The following is a list of Agawam swimmers who placed in the top twelve.

8 & Under Boys: 100 YD. IM - Brian Wesley, 9th; 25 YD. FREE - David Fleury, 2nd; 50 YD. FREE - David Fleury, 3rd; 25 YD. BREAST - Brian Wesley, 5th; Chris Paltz, 9th.

8 & Under Girls: 100 YD. IM - Jennifer Scalise, 3rd; 25 YD. FREE - Michelle Wheeler, 6th; Karen Shevey, 10th; 25 YD. FLY - Amanda Talbot, 7th; Karen Shevey, 12th; 50 YD. FREE - Michelle Wheeler, 6th; 25 YD. BACK - Jennifer Scalise, 1st; Erin O'Brien, 12th; 25 YD. BREAST - Amy Talbot, 10th.

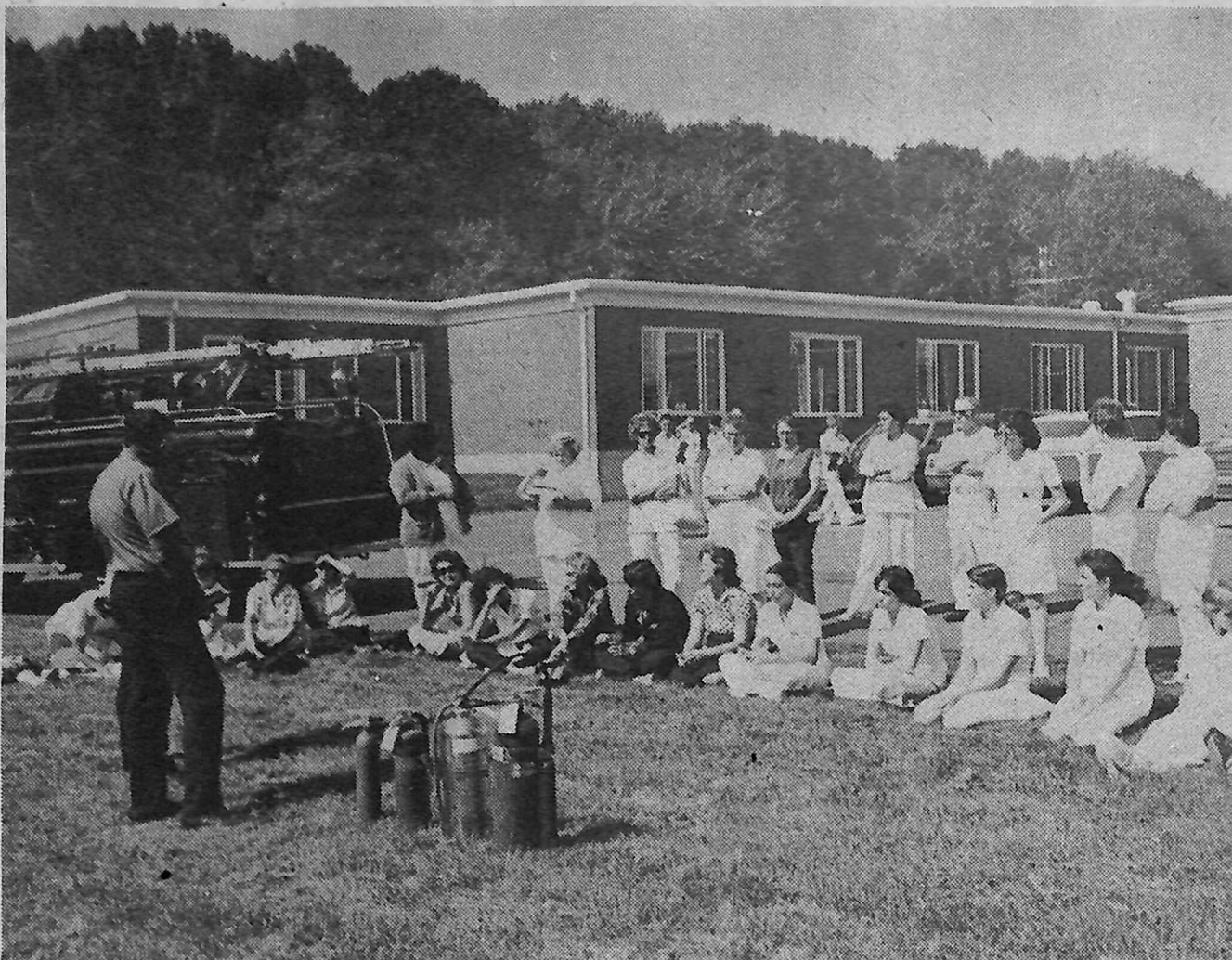
9-10 Boys: 100 YD. IM - Tom Smith, 12th; 50 YD. FLY - Tom Smith, 12th; 50 YD. BACK - Pat O'Brien, 10th. **9-10 Girls:** 50 YD. FREE - Ramona LeClair, 4th; 50 YD. FLY - Ramona LeClair, 7th; 50 YD. BACK - Tina Pirnie, 12th.

11-12 Boys: 50 YD. BACK - Jimmy Wheeler, 9th. **11-12 Girls:** 50 YD. FREE - Kim Cascio, 5th; 100 YD. FREE - Kim Cascio, 5th; Kristen Smus, 10th; 50 YD. BREAST - Claudine Talbot, 7th.

13-14 Boys: 200 YD. IM - Carlos Kulik, 8th; 100 YD. FREE - Paul Talbot, 9th; 100 YD. BACK - Paul Talbot, 2nd.

13-14 Girls: 200 YD. IM - Nicole Dickmann, 5th; Debbie Sambrook, 11th; 100 YD. FREE - Diane Wheeler, 12th; 100 YD. FLY - Nicole Dickmann, 5th; 100 YD. BACK - Diane Wheeler, 8th; 100 YD. BREAST - Debbie Sambrook, 8th.

15-18 Boys: 200 YD. FREE - Mario Iacolo, 10th. **15-18 Girls:** 200 YD. IM - Jill Cloran, 3rd; 100 YD. FREE - Natalie Richie, 10th; 100 YD. FLY - Jill Cloran, 3rd; 200 YD. FREE - Anna Iacolo, 11th; 100 YD. BREAST - Natalie Ritchie, 10th.



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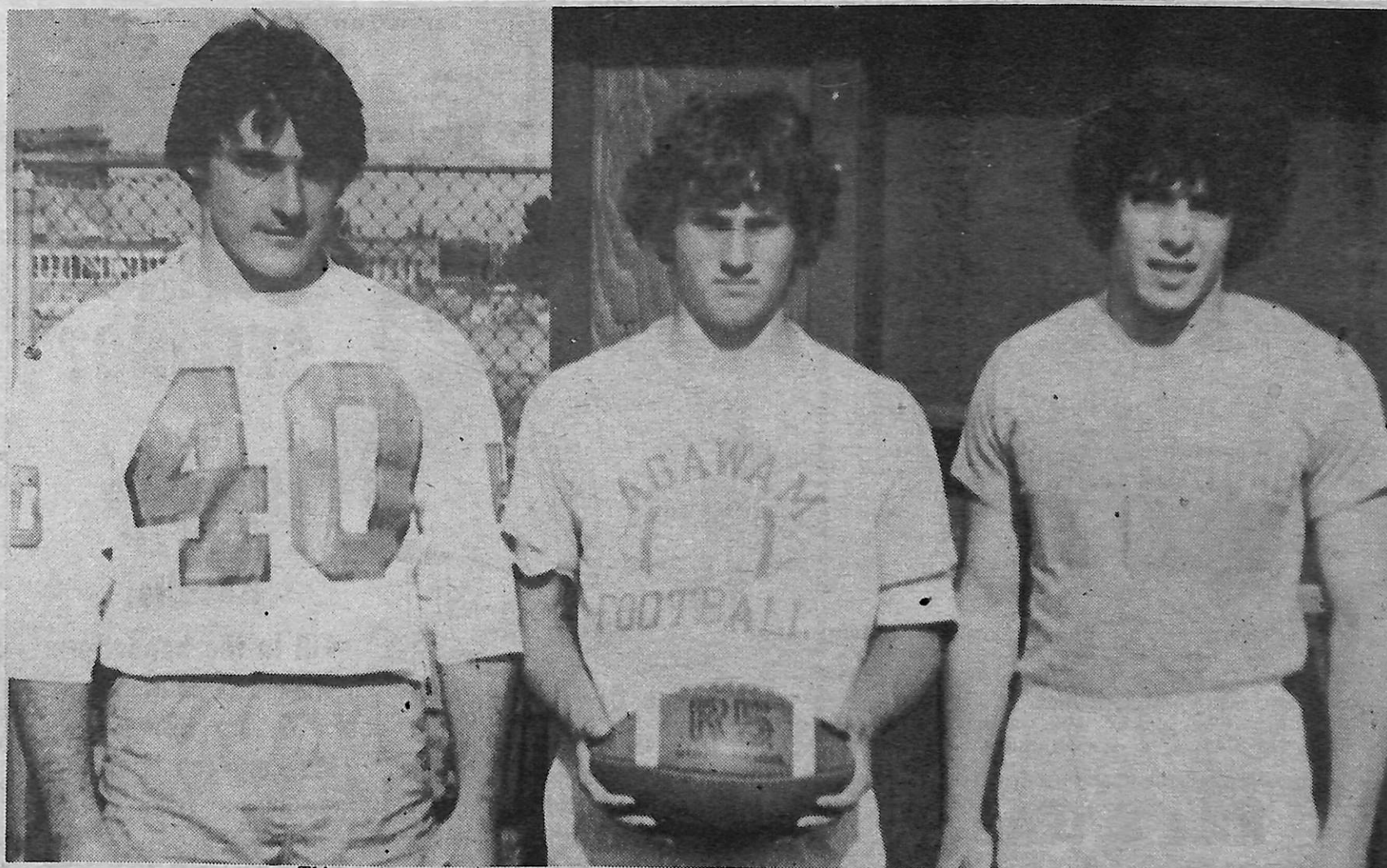
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B W R I O N W N N E I R E S

This weeks winners for 'Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Players' for the Agawam Brownies are, from left: Joe Pezzamenti, linebacker, for defense; Dave Stuart, running back, and Kurt Toomey, fullback, both for offensive play. Each of this weeks winners, chosen by the coaches and the Agawam Booster Club, will receive a pair of passes to the Showcase Cinemas compliments of the Elbow Lounge, Agawam. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownies Scalp Braves

For the second consecutive week, the Agawam Brownies flirted with early anxiety and disaster. It left Coach Jack Michalak wondering whether the locals were primed and ready for an instant replay of the 1978 shellacking they absorbed on a similar excursion to the scenic Berkshires.

Not so. Two lightning quick seven pointers midway through the second quarter lifted the Brownies to a hard-fought 21-12 verdict over the Taconic Braves on Sunday.

Both Michalak and Brownie quarterback Ricky LeClerc agreed that after Agawam annexed paydirt to forge ahead 7-6, the beautiful sunny skies at Wahconah Park began erasing the bad memories of a year ago

when the townies digested an embarrassing 33-6 setback to the Wahconah Warriors on the same playing surface.

The Brownies' initial touchdown came on a LeClerc one-yard plunge, culminating an impressive offensive series.

And just a little over three minutes later, LeClerc found ace wide-receiver Abe Yacteen racing behind the Braves' secondary. A perfect pass, a perfect catch...Mr. Instant Excitement had taken Agawam to a 14-6 advantage.

"The biggest fear I had was a repeat of the Wahconah game after we fumbled the ball twice on our first two possessions and then they scored before we did," Michalak offered. "I've had some bad memories of

previous trips to this area, even while I was at Cathedral. It's just a tough place to go and play," he added in reference to the long bus ride to the Pittsfield school.

LeClerc, growing in confidence in his offense and in the entire Brownie operation in general, said he was a bit concerned about Taconic's early touchdown in period two, but never entertained thoughts that the hometown favorites were being set up for a carbon copy of Wahconah.

"We're all very confident in this team. I never thought we'd lose and I knew we'd come back. It was just a matter of time," the likable senior said.

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